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Echo of Kerala bizman's daylight robbery

Hawala money transit under Police scrutiny

City Top Cop directs officers to keep an eye on 'hawala' operations via Mysuru

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (RK&BCT)- Amid a rise in bank, ATM and daylight robberies across Karnataka, Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar convened a high-level meeting this morning to strengthen crime prevention strategies and ensure public safety.

The City Top Cop instructed Police personnel to maintain heightened vigilance over individuals suspected of transporting 'hawala' money through Mysuru. This directive follows a brazen daylight robbery at Harohalli yesterday, where masked assailants targeted a Kerala businessman, making away with his cash, property documents and vehicle.

Police checking a car at Nehru Circle in city last night.

Police suspect that Mysuru has become a key transit point for 'hawala' operations, with large sums of unaccounted cash frequently moved between Karnataka and Kerala. "Close surveillance is essential on cash-intensive transactions involving 'hawala,' gold and precious stones. Given Mysuru's proximity to Kerala and Tamil Nadu, the city could be a critical link in these illegal operations," the City Top Cop told officers.

(See HAWALA on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled "The President of the World — Mr. Donald John Trump." —Ed

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Chaos erupts over Free T-shirt Offer

Causes panic & injuries

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (SBD&BCT)- A potential disaster was narrowly averted during the second anniversary celebration of a teen clothing store on Bogadi Main Road in Mysuru. The promotional event offered 2,000 free T-shirts and drew thousands of young people, resulting in a chaotic crowd surge on Sunday.

The overwhelming response left passersby bewildered as traffic came to a grinding halt, with vehicles parked haphazardly while people rushed to grab the free T-shirts. The scramble quickly turned dangerous, raising fears of a potential stampede.

In the frenzy, many individuals were knocked down, struggling to breathe amid the pushing and shoving. Barricades installed near the store were broken as the crowd surged forward.

Although there were no fatalities, several people sustained minor injuries. The lack of safety measures or proper crowd management was evident.

FIR FILED AGAINST STORE OWNER

Following the utter chaos, C.K. Nithin from Saraswathipuram Police Station inspected the spot and filed a complaint against N. Manjunatha, owner of the store. An FIR has also been registered against the owner at the Station.

'Crowd gathering' marketing gimmick a MENACE?

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Is the free T-shirt offer a marketing gimmick gone wrong? Sources informed *Star of Mysore* that may be the shop owner, aiming to generate hype for his small shop located in the cellar of an inconspicuous building, may have paid youngsters to gather hoping that the crowd would draw media attention, which meant free publicity for his shop.

However, the strategy backfired as more youths gathered in the cramped space, eager to claim the free T-shirts leading to chaos and a Police case.

Many citizens expressed fear that more and more shops and establishments would deploy such 'paid crowd-gathering' and 'free gifts to garner crowds' which could be fatal for people gathered and cause traffic hazards.

It may be recalled that such tactics have been used earlier too by other establishments. A few years ago, a Paani-Puri Shop in Kuvempunagar and a Coffee Shop had paid and even promised free paani-puri leading to huge crowds garnering publicity for these shops but caused traffic jams.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 21st January 2025

Pandavapura woman bags Best Dairy Farmer Award

Pandavapura, Jan. 21- A little educated woman dairy farmer of a village in Pandavapura taluk, Mandya district, has brought laurels to the State by bagging 'Best Dairy Farmer' Award at the South India Dairy Conclave held under the aegis of Indian Dairy Association, Southern Zone, at Bengaluru recently.

Mangalamma

Mangalamma, wife of Mahadevappa of Dinka village in Pandavapura taluk, is the achiever.

Mangalamma, who along with agriculture, began rearing cattle with a single cow 20 years ago, now owns a Dairy Farm with more than 30 cows in her 2-acre land at Dinka, which speaks about her growth in dairy farming.

Mangalamma, who became a member of Dinka Milk Producers Co-operative Union, supplied 1,01,915 litres of milk in 2024, earning a gross revenue of Rs. 33 lakh.

In recognition of her achievement as a dairy farmer, the Indian Dairy Association awarded her the 'Best Dairy Farmer' Award at the Conclave, which was attended by Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh among others.

Apart from Mangalamma of Karnataka, Naveena Kumari of Andhra Pradesh, Vidhu Rajeev from Kerala and Lakshadweep, Pudhari Gangavva from Telangana and Selvanayaki from Puducherry got the award, from their respective States.

Workshop on 'TDS on salaries and others' on Jan. 23

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Bhavani Associates, Mysuru, has arranged a seminar on 'TDS on Salaries and Others' on Jan. 23 (Thursday) at 10 am at Rotary Children's Library Hall, JLB Road, Mysuru.

The seminar will be presented by CA. K. Keshava Dongre, Chartered Accountant, Mysuru.

For more details and registration, contact Mob: 98451-20429, according to a press release from N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SEER FROM SRINGERI SUGGESTS FOR UPANAYANA-LIKE CEREMONIES FOR GIRLS: ***Should Upanayana-type ceremonies, which are usually considered the male rite of passage, be conducted for girls too?***

This poser occupied the centre stage of discussions at the Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha event at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Saturday, when Sringeri Sharadha Peetha's Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Swami advocated Upanayana-like ceremonies for girls and suggested that upadeshas (teachings) must be delivered for girls. "Just as boys are taught the Gayatri mantra by the guru, girls must also be taught a few mantras available for women in the shastras. May this become a tradition in every home."

The Seer said he too conducted these ceremonies for girls in various places. "Girls should also have a schedule of daily recitals of the mantras," he added.

The Seer also appealed to everyone not to discontinue or discard traditional practices by asking for proof or labelling them as superstitions. He stated that a wedding must be performed according to the Shastras. "Marriages are not MoUs between two companies. I have heard of alliance proposals being dropped over frivolous reasons," he added. *—In Sunday Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Theatre faces bankruptcy as migrants stay put

Paris: For over a month now, the Gaîté Lyrique Theatre in Paris, France, has been taken over by a group of homeless migrants who needed a roof over their heads during winter.

The occupation of Gaîté Lyrique began on Dec. 10, when the venue hosted a free conference titled "Reinventing the Welcome for Refugees in France." Ironically, 250 African migrants who attended the event refused to leave after it was over and they were later joined by another 50 who didn't have anywhere else to hide from the cold Paris weather.

It's been over a month since the Gaîté Lyrique was occupied and management admits that it was forced to cancel all performances until at least Jan. 24, which threatens to bankrupt it, as the institution relies on such performances for 70 percent of its income, with the other 30 coming from the State as subsidies.

Crushing watermelons with thighs!

Istanbul: A Turkish woman who squashed five watermelons within a 60-second timeframe, using only her thighs, has set a world record.

Guiness World Records shared a video of Gozde Dogan completing the challenge.

The clip shows Dogan sitting between two rows of watermelons, grabbing them one at a time, crushing them, and then cleaning the mess before continuing.

She was handed a plaque and told she is "officially amazing," becoming the first person to earn the distinction of using the thighs to smash the most watermelons in 60 seconds, in the female category.

Dogan broke the record in February.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Maintain healthy skin naturally by:

• Consuming a diet rich in fruits and vegetables. • Exercising daily.
• Drinking two litres of water daily. • Sleeping 7-8 hours each night.

By Dr. Ravi S – Consultant – Dermatology & Cosmetologist
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

UoM Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Jan. 21- **K.S. Santhosh Kumar** has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Operational Based Security Model for Social Internet of Things' submitted under the guidance of Dr. J. Hanumanthappa.

Vinaya has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'Synthesis Crystal Structure Studies of Schiff Bases, Chalcones, Ethiprole and Salts of Some Organic Compounds' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Y.B. Basavaraju.

P. Nandan has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'A Study on Selected Financial Technology (Fin Tech) Services in India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B. Nagaraju.

K. Kemparaju has been awarded Ph.D in Education by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'A Study of Multiple Intelligence, Cognitive Style, Home Environment and Academic Achievement of Secondary School Students' submitted under the guidance of Dr. T.V. Somashekar.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **122.10 feet**	Today's level **2,280.10 feet**	Today's level **2,836.29 feet**
Last year's level **92.32 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.17 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.62 feet**
Yesterday's level **122.24 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.17 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,836.23 feet**
Today's Inflow **296 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **93 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **296 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,277 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *A pigeon's navigational skills are astoundingly complex, and they can fly up to 50 mph and can travel up to 500 miles in one day. Pigeons have excellent hearing and vision, and they see in ultraviolet colour.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Elsy: When is my birthday mom?
Mom: On the thirty-first of this month dear.
Elsy: Oh! Mom, supposing this month had only thirty days, where would I have been?!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 86.46
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 106.20
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.54
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.75

VOICE OF THE READER

Make necessary rules to keep politicians out of sports

An appeal to Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar

Sir,

It was rather amusing to read an honest statement by Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar ('Politicians should be kept out of sports' in *SOM* dated Jan. 1)

Stating that politicians should be kept out as they were dangerous to the sport, Shivakumar said it was his personal opinion and added that he had no idea as to why he, being a politician, was invited for the release of former Indian cricketer Syed Kirmani's autobiography *"Stumped: Life Behind and Beyond the Twenty-Two Yards"* at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Just I checked at the website of Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association *@https://www.kslta.com/commitee*

See who are all holding the office:

1. R. Ashoka : President
2. Priyank M. Kharge: Sr. Vice-President
3. M. Lakshminarayan, IAS: Hon. Life Vice-President
4. M.B. Dyaberi IAS (retd): Vice-President.

No wonder why Indian Tennis is in such bad shape !

Will the Honourable Dy.CM ask the above worthies to quit their posts immediately and make necessary rules to keep politicians out of sports, at least in Karnataka?

—Raja Chandra
Bengaluru
2.1.2025

NOTE: *Former Chief Minister and External Affairs Minister, late S.M. Krishna, stood out as an exception. Even during his tenure as CM, he was often spotted wielding a racquet at the Bangalore Club, enjoying a game of tennis with his friends.*

From 1999 to 2020, he served as the President of the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA), a role in which he revolutionised tennis in the State. Under his leadership, the KSLTA hosted high-profile events that not only boosted interest in the sport but also elevated Karnataka's standing in the tennis world.

S.M. Krishna was the first President to modernise the KSLTA. The once-neglected facility, with its clay courts and dilapidated gallery, was transformed into a state-of-the-art tennis Stadium on Cubbon Road in the heart of Bengaluru, setting a benchmark for tennis infrastructure in India. **—Ed**

Narayana Medical Centre launches Breast Clinic

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. Adnan Saeed, Consultant Surgical Oncology, Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, Dr. Nischal Raj, Consultant Surgical Oncology, Somanath, Narayana Hospital Manager, Dr. Sunanda, Asst. Professor at MMC&RI and Dr. M. Sunil Kumar, Consultant Plastic Surgeon at Narayana Hospital, seen during the launch of Breast Clinic in city.***

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (KS)- Narayana Medical Centre at Vijayanagar launched its dedicated Breast Clinic in city recently.

The Breast Clinic will provide advanced thermal mammography screening, a cutting edge, non-invasive technology that detects temperature variations in breast tissue, helping to identify abnormalities at an early stage. This method is particularly beneficial for women of all age groups, as it is painless, radiation-free and effective in detecting potential concerns early.

Dr. Nischal Raj, Consultant, Surgical Oncology, Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, said, "Early detection is key in the fight against breast cancer. By offering free screenings and consultations, we aim to empower women to take charge of their health and seek timely medical advice."

Dr. Adnan Saeed, Consultant Surgical Oncology at Narayana Hospital, Mysore, said, "The launch of the Breast Clinic is a vital step in encouraging early detection of breast cancer, which can greatly improve outcomes. I urge women to take advantage of the free screening and consultation services and prioritise their breast health."

For details on Breast Clinic, call Mob: 89040-04606.

KPA to equip Policemen with cutting-edge cybercrime skills

First certificate course to be conducted from Feb. 7; Initiative led by ADGP Alok Kumar

S.L. Chennabasavanna, Director, Karnataka Police Academy, (KPA), Mysuru *(second from right)* ***displaying the agreement with Information Sharing and Analysis Centre (ISAC) as*** *(from left)* ***Anusha A. Gowda, Project Manager, ISAC, Group Capt. Pola Anand Naidu, Executive Director, ISAC and M.H. Khan, Assistant Director, KPA, look on.***

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (AG&BCT)- In a significant step towards bolstering cybersecurity resilience in Karnataka, Mysuru-based Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) is set to commence comprehensive cybersecurity training for Police personnel across entry, mid and senior levels. The initiative aims to equip officers with next-generation digital policing skills through hands-on practice and advanced simulations.

The training sessions, starting in the first week of February, will be conducted through certification programmes. Trainees will have access to state-of-the-art facilities, including cybersecurity labs featuring cutting-edge simulations designed to combat evolving cybercrimes effectively.

To implement this initiative, the KPA has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Information Sharing and Analysis Centre (ISAC), a leading cybersecurity organisation headquartered in Noida with a regional office in Bogadi, Mysuru.

> Technology evolves daily and it is challenging for everyone to stay updated. This initiative is a step towards capacity building. All existing Police personnel will undergo cybersecurity training and new recruits trained at KPA will also be included. We are planning to conduct the first training session from Feb. 7 as a three-day certification course."
>
> **—Alok Kumar, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Training**

> Today's Police force must be digitally equipped to tackle modern crimes. Most crimes now leave digital footprints, making it crucial to understand the digital space, cyberspace and the processes of evidence collection, protection and presentation in the appropriate forum. The initiative is expected to address these needs effectively."
>
> **— S.L. Chennabasavanna, Director, Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru**

> This collaboration ensures that Police Officers are fully equipped to handle cybercrimes effectively. Our certification programmes will provide Police Officers with the latest knowledge and skills while offering access to advanced labs for faster and more efficient forensic investigations. Across India, we have 21,000 trained volunteers serving as cybercrime first responders."
>
> **— Group Capt. Pola Anand Naidu, Executive Director, ISAC**

Advanced training and strategic partnership

KPA, recognised as a Centre of Excellence in Police Training, has been instrumental in delivering advanced programmes for fresh recruits, in-service officers, and specialists, with a strong focus on emerging technologies and cybersecurity.

ISAC collaborates with the Ministry of Education, CERT-IN (under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology), the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), and will bring its expertise to the partnership.

The MoA underscores a shared commitment to strengthening State and national security through collaborative efforts in cybersecurity, capacity building and ethical practices.

Key features

Trainees will participate in sessions at ISAC's Mysuru Cyber Security Hub and Phygital Labs, which feature advanced Internet of Things-Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (IoT/SCADA)-based Cyberange simulators. Senior officers will be trained under the prestigious National Security Database programme, enhancing their capability to tackle cybercrime investigations.

ISAC will provide technical support to KPA's cybersecurity lab, facilitating advanced training simulations. A 'clean exit platform' will be introduced to promote workplace ethics. Large-scale awareness campaigns will target Karnataka Police, Government Departments, financial institutions, corporates, academia and general public.

ISAC and KPA will host webinars and other awareness initiatives to foster a cybersecurity-conscious society.

The partnership between KPA and ISAC is set to address the growing need for skilled cybersecurity professionals and enhance the investigative capabilities of Karnataka's Police force. By leveraging their combined strengths, the initiative seeks to create a robust foundation for cybersecurity excellence and ethical practices across sectors.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sanskrit Workshop

Under RUSA scheme, UG and PG Sanskrit Departments of University of Mysore (UoM) have jointly organised a two-day workshop titled 'Samskrita Navanavonmesha' on Jan. 22 and 23, at Department of Studies in Sanskrit, Manasagangothri. There will be 8 sessions of 90 minutes each. Presentations will be followed by open discussions. Eminent scholars include Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, Dr. Vinayachandra Banavati, Dr. K. Raghavendra Pai, Dr. Surya Hebbar, Dr. Gowri Srinivas, Dr. G.B. Harish, Dr. Sharath Chandra Swamy and H.S. Sudarshan will throw light on emerging dimensions pertaining to Sanskrit. Entry is free but registration is mandatory. Teachers are eligible for OOD and participation certificate. Seats are limited to 40 participants only. Interest persons can register through the link: ***https://forms.gle/enNdJJjdaGVukrKg9***

Devaranama

As part of 10th Annual Purandaradasa Aradhane, Sri Gowri Sangeetha Shale has organised a Devaranama Competition at Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara near Nanjumalige on Feb. 2 from 9.30 am onwards. [Mob: 99169-54433]

Art Exhibition

Artist M. Akshatha Savithri, a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, will be displaying her traditional art works (Mysore Style, Tanjore Style & Kalamkari) and acrylic paintings at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira premises on Jan. 25 and 26 between 11 am and 6 pm.

Short Story and Poetry Writing

Samatha Adhyayana Kendra, Mysuru, has organised a State-level Short Story and Poetry Writing Contest in memory of its Founder-President, late writer Dr. Vijaya Dabbe for which it has invited entries from women writers and young poets. The short stories must not exceed 2,000 words and must be clearly written or typed on one side of the page. The short story writing contest is open only for young women writers in the age group of 20 to 40 years and poetry writing contest is open for students and youths in the age group of 20 to 35 years. There will be three prizes in each category — 1st prize - Rs. 5,000, 2nd - Rs. 3,000 and 3rd - Rs. 2,000. Selected writers and poets will be invited to take part in a Literary Workshop to take place in the last week of May. Entries must be sent along with the required documents to: Chandramati Sonda, No. 551, 24th Cross, Sankranti Circle, Hebbal 2nd Stage, Mysuru, before Mar. 15. For details, contact Mob: 94496-95304.

Stolen vehicles used to rob Kerala bizman

Car owned by businessman found abandoned at Gopalapura, four kilometres from crime scene

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (RK&KS)- Jayapura Police have located the car of Kerala businessman Sufi Ahmed, which was stolen by masked assailants after ambushing his vehicle near Harohalli in Jayapura Hobli on H.D. Kote Road. Yesterday morning, the assailants assaulted Ahmed and another person in the car, robbing them of cash, property documents and the vehicle.

Ahmed's car was found near Gopalapura last evening, while one of the two vehicles used by the assailants was traced this morning on a crossroad about four kilometres from the crime scene in Jayapura.

It is believed that both vehicles, one with a Delhi registration and the other with a Bengaluru registration, were stolen. Police are still searching for the second vehicle. Authorities suspect that the assailants stole two cars to carry out the robbery.

Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana confirmed that three teams have been formed to trace and arrest the suspects involved in the daylight robbery. A spot mahazar was conducted and Additional SP C. Mallik has been assigned to oversee the case.

One team has been dispatched to Kerala, another to Bengaluru and the third to Tamil Nadu, as the Police suspect the robbery may be linked to 'hawala' transactions.

The robbery occurred between 8 am and 9 am yesterday when miscreants, wearing monkey caps, ambushed Ahmed's car. The assailants, who arrived in two vehicles, assaulted Ahmed and his companion before fleeing with the cash, documents and the car.

City Police intensify vigil amid rise in robbery cases

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (PM,MK&KS)- In the wake of armed ATM and bank robberies in Karnataka, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar led a city-wide operation involving vehicle checks and increased patrolling last evening.

Barricades were set up at key junctions, including K.R. Circle, Nehru Circle, Hardinge Circle and Metropole Circle. Officers inspected vehicles and engaged with the public to spread awareness about crime prevention.

Patrolling efforts were intensified along Ashoka Road, Devaraj Urs Road and Kalidasa Road — areas with a concentration of banks and jewellery stores. Pedestrians and shop owners were

advised to report any suspicious activity or untoward incidents immediately. The Commissioner personally inspected CCTV cameras in banks, ATMs and jewellery stores to ensure they were operational and properly maintained. She emphasised that daily checks and patrols would continue, with additional Police personnel deployed in public areas to curb criminal activities.

Deputy Commissioners of Police M. Muthuraju (Law and Order) and S. Jahnavi (Crime and Traffic), along with Assistant Commissioners of Police and Station Inspectors, actively participated in the patrolling and awareness drive.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, the Commissioner said, "With the recent bank and ATM dacoities reported in Mangaluru, Bidar and other places, we are stepping up security measures in Mysuru. Vigilance is being heightened to ensure public safety."

Rising crime graph in Karnataka

People losing faith in Police: Vijayendra

Vijayendra

Bengaluru, Jan. 21 (DM)- As incidents of robbery and heists continue unabated across Karnataka, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra has expressed concerns over the declining faith of people in the Police force.

Speaking to the media in Bengaluru yesterday, Vijayendra criticised the Congress-led State Government, alleging that rising incidents of robbery, dacoity and other heinous crimes point to a failure in maintaining law and order.

He accused Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar of making hollow claims about the State's law and order situation being under control, despite a surge in crimes creating widespread insecurity among citizens.

Vijayendra also accused the Congress Government of showing leniency towards criminals involved in attacks on cows, which he claimed reflected the Government's anti-Hindu stance.

"The Home Minister must wake up to reality and take stern measures to restore law and order, which has deteriorated in recent months. The Government's soft corner for miscreants targeting cows, revered by Hindus, has often triggered communal tensions," he stated.

Referring to the recent assault on workers at a brick kiln in Vijayapura, Vijayendra called it a deeply disturbing incident and urged the Government to act decisively. "The rising crime graph has caused immense worry among citizens. The Government must instil a sense of fear among miscreants by adopting stringent measures. Only then can law and order be effectively maintained," Vijayendra added.

Obituary

Sr. Jovita Noronha

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Sr. Jovita Noronha (83), former Principal of

Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru and sister of late Very Rev. Fr. Denis Noronha of Mysore Diocese, passed away on Jan. 19.

She had served at KROSS & ODP, Mysuru. Funeral Service were held at St. Joseph's Convent, Frazer Town, Bengaluru, yesterday.

K.K. Gangadharan

K.K. Gangadharan (76), a

native of Aiguru village in Somwarpet taluk of Kodagu district, passed away on Jan. 19 at his residence in Bengaluru. He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

A recipient of Kendra Sahitya Academy award from Karnataka last year for his book 'Malayalam Kathegalu,' Gangadharan had translated over 200 Malayalam stories and four novels into Kannada, besides a few Tamil and English stories. His translated works were being published in various Kannada magazines including *Sudha, Mayura, Taranga, Roopathara, Mangala,* etc.

He had served in Mysuru's Railway Mail Service (RMS) of the Postal Department for several years before being transferred to Bengaluru, where he spent his retired life, according to family sources.

Sathyavathi Rao

Sathyavathi Rao (85), a retired

teacher and a resident of Bogadi, passed away on Jan. 14 at a private hospital in city.

Wife of late YVR Rao, she leaves behind a daughter, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Jan. 16, according to family sources.

Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By Gouri Satya, Sr. Journalist

New bus stand will rob Bannimantap's past

It is hard to believe that the famous historic place, Bannimantap, will have a bus stand to be built at Rs. 120 crore on the 16-acre land the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has in its possession. Perhaps, nowhere else, such strange proposals to turn a garden and Parade Ground area into an unregulated crowded place with commercial proposals is taken up.

Bannimantap has a significant place in the pages of the history of Mysore, as a garden and as the venue for the worship of the sacred Shami tree as part of Dasara celebrations during Vijayadashami followed by the torchlight parade. Perhaps, it is one of the oldest parts on the outskirts of the past Mysore. Its historic past and religious importance need to be considered before planning any structure there or around it.

Arthur Henry Cole

Yelwal Bungalow that was built by A.H. Cole.

Rajendra Vilas Palace atop Chamundi Hill.

Lakshmiramana Swamy Temple in Palace.

Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar

ENGAGEMENTS.

25th October.

PALACE—

7-30 A.M. The Arms, the State Elephant and the State Horse are taken to Bannimantap during Thulalagnam in Procession; Wrestling by Jetties.

4 P.M. ... State Procession followed by Durbar at Ambavilas on return.

GUESTS' QUARTERS, MYSORE. } B. NARAINSAMIENGAR, *Special Duty Officer.*

A 1917 invitation of Bannimantap ceremonial programme.

A grant for the God

The annual report of the Mysore Archaeological Department for the year 1920 says that "an inscription in Cole's Garden records a grant for the God Lakshmiramana," who is housed in the oldest Lakshmiramana Temple in the Palace premises, "by order of Narasa Nayaka, father of the famous Vijayanagar king Krishna-Déva Raya in 1499 A.D."

Besides Mysore, this inscription has significant relevance to Srirangapatna as well. Some four years earlier, Narasa Nayaka, as Commander of the king Immadi Narasimharaya, seized Srirangapatna with his army and annexed that town to Vijayanagara.

Many historical records and poetic works refer to this heroic achievement of Narasa, who subsequently became the King of Vijayanagara, before his son, Krishnadevaraya. As recorded in the Report, this inscription was found in the Cole's Garden, the present Bannimantap.

Another significant aspect of Bannimantap is that it is christened "Cole's Garden" in honour of Arthur Henry Cole (1780-1844), who played a significant role as a Resident of Mysore from 1818 until 1827.

The present Bannimantap was notified as a garden and old records still carry the name, Cole's Garden, for this area. It came to be used for the Dasara torchlight parade during Krishnaraja Wadiyar III and consequently came to be identified as Bannimantap. It continues to serve this purpose even now.

Venue of Shami tree worship

According to another record, the vast area of Bannimantap was named Cole's Garden. "A few feet south of Cole's Park Bungalow, and surrounded by a stone platform, is the sacred Shami or Banni tree (Prosopis spicigera). It was in this bungalow that the Maharaja took rest after his 'Jumboo Savari' procession commencing from the Palace, and worshipped sacred 'Shami' tree, as part of Navaratri and Vijayadashami ritual, culminating with torchlight parade on the Bannimantap grounds."

From Krishnaraja Wadiyar III onwards, Bannimantap was the venue for the worship of the sacred Shami tree and the torchlight parade for all the Maharajas of Mysore, including the late Jayachamaraja Wadiyar.

Arthur Cole was also responsible for building the Palace Bungalow, Rajendra Vilas Palace, at the summit of the Chamundi Hill in 1822. He made it his bungalow when he was a Resident of Mysore and subsequently by the Maharajas as a Summer Palace till the idea of a superior building came up in the 1920s when Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV built the Rajendra Vilas Palace, which was completed in 1938-39.

Cole is also attributed to have constructed the Yelwal Bungalow, now called 'Aloka', on the city outskirts on Hunsur Road. Then known as the 'Resident Bungalow', it was built in 1806, under his direction.

Should it be an ugly, bustling place?

The Cole's Garden and Parade Grounds have shrunk in size today with constructions, private and public, including the KSRTC. Now, the question is whether this area with a vast historical and religious background, and a garden to boot, should turn into a centre of an ugly bus stand, crowds gathering 24x7 and shops of all sorts all around which would follow, a sight common at all bus stands?

A bus terminal on a 14-acre land with facilities to park as many as 130 buses to operate on both city and suburban routes, with facilities including a commercial complex, would rob Bannimantap aka Cole's Garden of its historic and heritage importance, besides creating other problems in the area and on the Dasara procession route. It may even pose a problem for the smooth conduct of the Dasara procession and the Torchlight Parade in the adjacent area, as *SOM* Columnist Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem observes.

My other good friends, Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy, H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana and Prof. R. Chandra Prakash have highlighted other issues that would arise if the KSRTC builds a bus stand there or around, in this eveninger. Considering all these issues, it is hoped that the KSRTC will desist from building a bus terminal at Bannimantap and preserve the city's lung space.

[The author writes from his current residence on Blackburn Road, Glen Waverley, Melbourne, Australia].

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

The President of the World

Mr. Donald John Trump

When people tell me that I became President on January 20th, 1981, I feel I have to correct them. You don't become President of the United States. You are given temporary custody of an institution called the Presidency, which belongs to our people.

Having temporary custody of this Office has been for me a sacred trust and an honour beyond words or measure. Many is the time that I've said a prayer of thanks to all Americans who placed this trust in my hands.

— US President Ronald Reagan (1981)

US President Donald Trump and Vice-President JD Vance at the swearing-in ceremony.

Last evening I was glued to the TV watching *CNN* and *BBC* live telecast of the inauguration of the second-coming of Mr. Donald John Trump as the President of the United States of America (USA). Yes, to me it looked like the greatest political show on earth. The power and glory of world's most powerful country in all aspects of human endeavour and achievements — economic, military, science and arts.

The way the Office of the President was transferred from the outgoing President Joe Biden to the incoming President Donald Trump was a feast to the eyes of those who saw it on the TV screen and must have been a once-in-a-lifetime experience to those who participated in the ceremony. The protocol was observed with clock-work precision, except once when there seemed a delay of a few minutes for the woman singer to appear immediately after President Trump's address. While some heads turned and necks craned in anxiety, Mr. Trump was sitting quietly unperturbed, confident. And the lady singer rushed in blushing and rendered the song.

The inaugural proceedings were so very meticulously conducted it would be hard to find a lapse or a discordant note in what those who spoke prior to oath-taking or in the dress each one of those present wore. Everyone was impeccably dressed for the occasion. The only disappointment for me personally about the sartorial get up was to see Mr. Donald Trump, the cynosure of all eyes of the world, giving up on his signature red neck tie and preferring a dull, pale one. Interestingly, his deputy, Vice-President James David Vance (JD Vance) wore a red tie and was beaming with his Indian wife Lady Usha Vance.

Like our country and many other, US prides itself as a Secular country with a Constitution that is a **Secular document** without being explicitly mentioned in the Constitution. Our original Constitution was also a **Secular document,** like of US, without the word being written into it. Thanks to Mrs. Indira Gandhi, she got it written into it.

A Secular State should treat all its citizens equally regardless of religion and must avoid preferential treatment to a citizen based on his religion. In America, they follow this cardinal principle of Secularism unlike India where majority religion was made **irrelevant** till the year of our Lord 2014 when Donald Trump's friend Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister. Let it be.

However, I observed the new President going to the Church before going for the swearing-in which might be a tradition and saw a majority audience Whites. Probably, it suggested the power or the influence of the White Supremacists. **It shows the majority in America is not made irrelevant as in India.**

Be that as it may, to revert to the Orwellian Big Brother Mr. Donald Trump's inauguration, it was a spectacular show mounted on a grand scale as per the great American tradition. The timing, the bugle, the announcement of the entry of VIP guests, the two uniformed guards at the door and their gait, the way they opened and closed the doors, may seem mechanical but there was order, dignity and discipline. There is much to learn for our law-makers and the LoP of the day. Socially speaking, all VIPs were accompanied by their spouses, with a couple of exceptions and it could be for reasons. American flags were seen in rows and rows. Here, flag hoisting on special occasions itself becomes an issue, even screening flag in theatres!

In his address, Mr. Trump spoke with confidence and authority spelling out what he would do immediately — sign Executive action to rename Gulf of Mexico as Gulf of America and about **illegal immigration.** In our country?

He spoke of 250 years of enduring Democracy of America, as a testament to its commitment to freedom and equality. **He assured that the State Power will not be weaponised against "our people."** He said American soldiers are "guardians of our country." The sole object of Armed Forces is defeating enemies. They are peace-makers and unifiers.

Trump even made a prophesy, like President John F. Kennedy who said in his inaugural speech that America would put a man on the moon, saying that American flag will fly on Planet Mars. Like Kennedy's prognosis, this too may become true.

He said it was a historic come back for him and the American people have spoken. **I remembered the historic come back of Indira Gandhi in 1980 following the collapse of the ruling Janata Party for whom Power came first and not the Nation.**

Mr. Trump said, America's Power will stop all wars. That Power comes from the People. The scale of Justice will be rebalanced. "January 20, 2025 is liberation day for America," he said.

I remembered 26th May 2014 when Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of our country. A liberation day for India still under works!

With his German roots, Trump may well execute his warning when challenged. He said he would not forget his country's Constitution and God — like Narendra Modi.

He concluded his speech with the words: "The Golden age of America has just begun. Thank you."

As I turned off the TV, I was left wondering if from now on I am a citizen of the world and Mr. Donald Trump is the President of the world. *Amen.*

TAILPIECE: *Presently, Donald Trump is seen not as a* ***War-monger,*** *like some of his predecessors, but as a* ***Peace-maker.*** *Already, there is a thaw in the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine. Trump has vowed to end this war and also the war between Hamas and Israel.*

Trump's return to power has also impacted the countries around the world in many ways. The Israeli hostages must be released before 20th January 2025, Trump had said on winning his second term. And already, three hostages were released and rest will follow unless Hamas asks for more trouble.

And then Trump once again vowed to take back Panama Canal and spoke unambiguously about the reason for the decision.

I wish our leader, Prime Minister Modi, too speaks in that language about taking back PoK and ending the persecution of Hindus in Bangladesh. Why not take a cue from Trump's 'Make America Great Again' (MAGA) call and work to Make India Great?

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Centenary of Belagavi Congress Session

Mahatma Gandhi's statue unveiled

To mark the centenary celebrations of the historic 1924 Congress Session chaired by Mahatma Gandhi at Belagavi, a grand statue of the Mahatma was unveiled in the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha premises in Belagavi this morning. The 25-foot-tall statue, weighing 20 tons, has been installed near the North Gate of Suvarna Vidhana Soudha. AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge (fourth from left), who unveiled the statue, is seen with (from left) Ministers Satish Jarkiholi & H.K. Patil; MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra; Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti; Chief Minister Siddaramaiah; Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader; Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar; MP K.C. Venugopal and Karnataka State Congress in-Charge Randeep Singh Surjewala. On the occasion, 'Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan' rally was held.

Hawala money transit under Police scrutiny

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar chairing a meeting of top Police officials in city this morning.

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Police teams have been directed to monitor cash transactions rigorously and implement measures to curb the transport of large cash hoards.

These steps aim to disrupt illegal financial networks while safeguarding the region from escalating criminal activities.

Sources told *SOM* that Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Alok Mohan has asked all ADGPs, IGPs and DIGPs, Police Commissioners and Superintendents of Police (SPs) to beef up security in the wake of increased robberies in Karnataka.

Today's meeting was the result of such a directive where the Mysuru City Police Commissioner held the meeting of DCPs — M. Muthuraju (Law and Order) and S. Jahnavi (Crime and Traffic) — and officers above the rank of Inspectors.

Focus on surveillance and patrolling

The meeting emphasised enhancing patrolling, ensuring the proper functioning of CCTV cameras in banks and ATMs, and implementing jurisdiction-specific preventive measures.

Commissioner Seema Latkar instructed officers to intensify surveillance in high-risk areas, including banks, ATMs, Government offices and major roads.

"Night patrols must be strengthened, with a heightened focus on the city outskirts. Police presence must be evident to act as a deterrent. Any suspicious vehicle must be flagged and the alert immediately communicated to the next checkpost, whether manned by City or District Police," she directed.

Sub-Inspectors and Inspectors were tasked with conducting regular day and night rounds in their respective jurisdictions. The Commissioner stressed the need for closer supervision of house burglary cases, robberies and chain-snatching incidents.

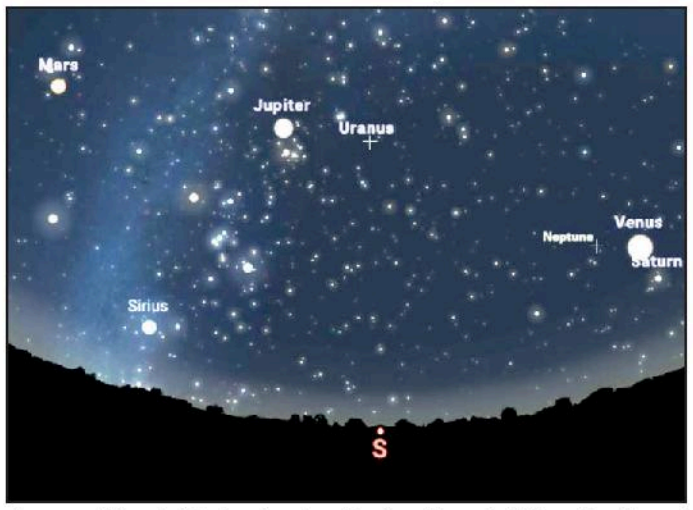
"Special Branch officers must actively gather intelligence on potential crimes and law-and-order situations, promptly informing senior officers to enable swift action," she added.

Instructions to curb laxity

The Commissioner highlighted concerns about on-duty officers being distracted by mobile phones. "Policemen are often found chatting or browsing the internet while on duty. This behaviour is strictly prohibited. Officers must actively interact with passers-by to gather information on suspicious activities. Strict action will be taken against those who neglect their duties," she warned.

Truth behind hype

'Parade of Planets' on Jan. 25, 2025



A map of the night sky showing the location of all the planets and nearby bright stars on Jan. 25 (Courtesy: EarthSky.org).

By Dr. S.N. Prasad

Dr. Prasad

The popular social media is awash with grotesquely exaggerated and sanitised accounts of something spectacular, popularly described as a rare 'alignment' and 'parade' of planets, happening in the night sky this month, especially on Jan. 25.

In one such video report making the rounds of WhatsApp, I heard with a combination of dismay and amusement the following audio description against the backdrop of colourful visuals that are mostly an artist's concoction:

"25th of January 2025 is a date humanity will never forget. On this night, all seven planets of our solar system will align and be visible in the sky. On Jan 25th, one of the rarest astronomical event is going to happen in the sky, and it is going to be visible for almost every part of the world — a very rare astronomical event called 'parade of planets' is going to happen where at least six planets of the solar system named Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune and Uranus are going to be visible from Earth. But around the world it will be visible on different timings. Here is the location and their timings... New Delhi, India, 5.37 pm*... Save this. You will have the best chance to spot this view right after the sunset. So, make sure you will know your local sunset timing... So, make sure you will follow 'Advancible and be the advanced version of yourself'.

(*Actually, the Sun sets only after this time in New Delhi and in most other parts of India.)

Now, the truth behind this hype: No earth-shaking astronomical event is expected to happen this month, or in the near future, including Jan. 25 this year.

The so-called 'alignment' or 'parade' of planets is merely the appearance of (all or most of) the planets of the solar system after sunset and before the next sunrise, within a span of a few hours, in the next few weeks.

This is by no means rare or unusual. In fact, it is a recurring phenomenon. It is not something humanity needs to be particularly interested in.

The planets certainly do not appear 'aligned' when seen in the sky; they may at best appear to do so on a (two dimensional) map. Any geometrical alignment of the planets at any time in three-dimensional space is a virtual impossibility.

What really happens in astronomical terms is that the planets are seen within a narrow imaginary plane of the sky that contains the Earth's orbit around the Sun. It is also the apparent path of the Sun across the sky as seen from the Earth.

Now, a few highlights that can make a view of the night sky after sunset during the next few weeks truly memorable:

The planets can all be seen within a span of a few hours. Venus, Jupiter and Mars are very bright and readily recognisable. Mars is especially bright and is nearly in opposition to the Sun. Saturn stands out because of its close visual proximity to Venus, the two said to be in conjunction.

While Uranus and Neptune can only be observed with a telescope, Mercury can be challenging even at the best of times. The planets can be seen in a star-studded breathtakingly beautiful winter night sky, making the experience all the more unforgettable.

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Shruthimanjari's Music Fest from Jan. 22

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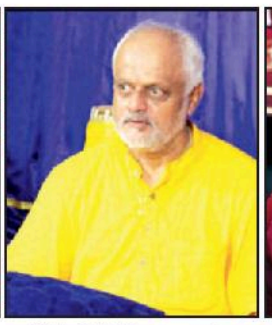
Vid. B.R. Sridhar

Vid. M.R. Manjunath

Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy and Vid. Srihari Vittal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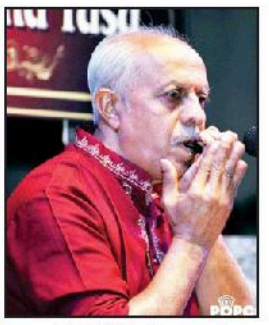
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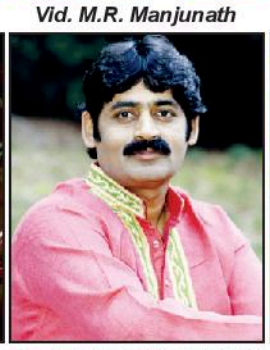
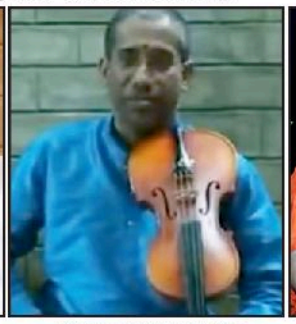

Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar

Vid. T.V. Ramprasad


Vid. Achyutha Rao

Vid. Phanindra Bhaskar

Vid. Sharath Koushik

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Shruthimanjari Foundation has organised its 27th Annual Music Festival from Jan. 22 to 26 at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram here.

Jan. 22 - 6 pm: Vidu. Revathi Kamat, Veena Vidushi and Connoisseur of Art, will inaugurate the Festival. Rtn. Nagesh Atharva, President, Rotary Club of Mysore West, Mysuru, will preside.

7 pm: Karnatak Classical Instrumental Music by Vidu. Revathi Kamat (veena), Vid. B.R. Sridhar (mridanga) and Vid. M.R. Manjunath (ghata).

Jan. 23 - 6 pm: Presentation by participants of the workshop; Vocal music by winner of 'Mosale Krishnamurthy Memorial Raga-Tana-Pallavi Competition.'

Jan. 24 - 6 pm: Karnatak Classical Vocal Music by Vidu. Amrutha Venkatesh accompanied by Vid. Vaibhav Ramani on violin and Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga.

Jan. 25 - 6 pm: Karnatak Classical Instrumental Music - Violin Duet by Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy and Vid. Srihari Vittal. They will be accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

Jan. 26 - 11.30 am: Sri Purandara-Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsava - Goshti Gayana by renowned Musicians; **6 pm:** Karnatak Classical Vocal Music by Vid. T.V. Ramprasad accompanied by Vid. Achyutha Rao on violin, Vid. Phanindra Bhaskar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata.

Kotharotsava Sangeetotsava at Hill Temple concludes

The 2025 'Sangeetotsava' programme of the Kotharotsava Vaibhava at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill concluded with a group singing on Jan. 13. The group was accompanied by Nagalingesh Achar on keyboard, Parameshwar Hegde on tabla and Srinivas on rhythm pad.

Vidu. Dr. Veena Ravikumar presenting a vocal concert at Hill Temple premises on Jan. 12. She is accompanied by Vid. Narahari on violin and Shridhar on mridanga.

Karnataka Kalashri Anand Madalagere, Rakshitha Madalgere and Mamatha Madalgere presenting a vocal recital at Chamundi Hill Temple premises on Jan. 11. They are accompanied by Shanmukaha Sajja on keyboard, Nagaraj on tabla and Jagadish on rhythm pad.

'Shakuntala Jayadeva Sharana' Awards conferred

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (MTY&DM)- Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat President C. Somashekar said that great achievements can be possible only if there is commitment and dedication.

He was speaking after presiding over the 'Shakuntala Jayadeva Sharana' award conferment programme organised by Mysuru District Unit of the Parishat at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises in city recently, during which social worker S. Mahadevaiah and woman writer Dr. M.S. Veda were conferred the award.

Pointing out that achievers take a firm and clear stand with calmness at all the turning points of their life, Somashekar said, because of this reason they move forward in their life and career. Benevolent qualities will also help in their achievements, he said and called upon the present generation to follow the ideals and principles of achievers, great personalities, saints etc.

Stating that S. Mahadevaiah, who is one among the two awardees, resided in London, Somashekar said that Mahadevaiah has strived for the promotion of Kannada in London and surrounding areas too by organising cultural and literary events. The door of Mahadevaiah's house is always open for littérateurs, writers and other achievers, he added.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion, said that Mahadevaiah, who fought for the cause of equality in London, established Basava International Foundation and indulged in cultural and literary organisational activities for long.

Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy, the award donor (Datti Dasohi) Shakuntala Jayadeva, Sharana Sahitya Parishat City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah and others were present.

Install more CCTV cameras in jail, increase surveillance

State Human Rights Commission inspects Mysuru Central Prison after the death of three inmates

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (RK,MK& BCT)- Chairman of the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) Dr. T. Sham Bhatt along with Member S.K. Vantigodi, visited Mysuru Central Prison yesterday to inspect the facility following the recent tragic deaths of three inmates.

The officials were welcomed by Chief Jail Superintendent Ramesh, who provided an overview of the prison's basic facilities, security arrangements, training programmes and other activities.

Addressing the recent incident in which three prisoners died after consuming chemical essence used in the bakery unit for cake preparation, Dr. Sham Bhatt reviewed the details of the case. He instructed Ramesh to take immediate measures, including installing CCTV cameras and assigning an Inspector to oversee bakery operations.

He said that CCTV cameras must be installed in the production units of all State Prisons. Dr. Sham Bhatt noted that the additional responsibility of managing the bakery unit was being handled by the jailer, which he deemed insufficient. He instructed the installation of three cameras per unit and recommended appointing dedicated staff to manage production activities.

Chairman of Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) Dr. T. Sham Bhatt along with Member S.K. Vantigodi, visited Mysuru Central Prison yesterday.

Guidelines for storage, distribution

He directed the officials to make necessary improvements to prison facilities. For instance, he emphasised that if inmates face difficulties in sleeping, sleeping pills should be distributed through the Prison Warden, ensuring proper channel, rather than being handed out directly.

Stressing the need to strictly follow established guidelines for storage, use and disposal of chemical essences, he called for comprehensive training and awareness programmes to ensure such incidents do not recur.

Visit to K.R. Hospital

Later visiting the K.R. Hospital and seeking more information about the deaths and the cause and examining the toxicology report, Dr. Sham Bhatt noted that the final confirmation is awaited from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report.

The Commission Members reviewed the treatment provided to the prisoners and gathered relevant information. They confirmed that the deceased inmates were part of the prison's cake manufacturing unit.

The essence packet in question was labelled "Rum Excellent," leading to speculation that the prisoners consumed it thinking it would cause intoxication. However, there is no concrete evidence to support this theory.

Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute and Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Acting Superintendent of K.R. Hospital, emphasised that the prisoners, who had experience in cake preparation, were aware of the correct quantity of essence to use. However, their decision to consume it remains unexplained.

Essence consumption: A lethal risk

Dr. Dinesh highlighted the dangers associated with consuming cake essence. He explained that 5 grams of essence contains 22 grams of propylene glycol, a chemical commonly found in vanilla essence.

Global medical research indicates that consuming just 5 ml of essence can be fatal. This finding is corroborated by studies from the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) and Centre for Molecular Dynamics (CMD) in Bengaluru.

State Human Rights Commission Members reviewing the treatment provided to deceased prisoners at K.R. Hospital along with Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College & Research Institute and Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Acting Superintendent of K.R. Hospital.

MYSORE RACES 2025

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

VARDAAN for Equine Veterinarians Trophy

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Following are the selections for the 11th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday — Jan. 22, 2025:

1.	2.00 PM	**THE KODACHADRI PLATE** 1400 mts. - 3 Years (TERMS) *1. PRETTY MOVE 2. AMAZING IMRARIFA*
2.	2.30 PM	**THE UJIRE PLATE - DIV. II** 1100 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. ARIGATO 2. CLYDE STAR*
3.	3.00 PM	**THE SUPER SPEED PLATE** 1600 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. NATURAL WARRIOR 2. WHAT IS THIS*
4.	3.30 PM	**THE UJIRE PLATE - DIV. I** 1100 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. COOL WINTER 2. GENTLEMAN'S WORD*
5.	4.00 PM	**THE EQUINE VETERINARIANS TROPHY** 1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. VARDAAN 2. GRACE*
6.	4.30 PM	**THE AJANTHA PLATE** 1600 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. AABUSHAN 2. FERRETTI*
7.	5.00 PM	**THE ALLIES SERENADE PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. STREET SENSE 2. SHERPA*

DAY'S BEST: *PRETTY MOVE*
DOUBLE: *1. VARDAAN 2. AABUSHAN*
JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *4, 5, 6, 7*
I TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*
EXACTAS: *1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC***

WORD OF THE DAY

Hackneyed

Pronunciation: HAK-need (Adjective).
Meaning: Something is considered hackneyed when it is not interesting, funny, etc., because of being used too often; in other words, it's neither fresh nor original.
Origin: In his 1926 tome *A Dictionary of Modern English Usage,* lexicographer H. W. Fowler offers a good deal of advice under the heading "Hackneyed Phrases." While some of the phrases he cautions against ("too funny for words," "my better half") will be familiar to most readers today, others (such as "hinc illae lacrimae") have mostly fallen into obscurity. Fowler was not the first usage writer to warn against the overuse of hackneyed (that is, trite or clichéd) phrases; a number of authors in the late 19th and early 20th century had similarly (hackneyed phrase alert) taken up the cudgels against trite and banal turns of phrase. In 1897, for example, Frederic Lawrence Knowles advised against using "agitate the tintinnabulatory," and in 1917 Margaret Ashmun and Gerhard Lomer discouraged "the dreamy mazes of the waltz." Were these hackneyed phrases so objected to that they became obsolete? This is unlikely, as the same manuals which object to long-dead expressions also object to "blushing bride," "bated breath," and "one fell swoop," all of which have survived. Perhaps a more plausible explanation is that phrases come and go with time. This is, in a way, a pleasant explanation, for it means that the seemingly ubiquitous phrase you detest stands a fair chance of, ahem, falling by the wayside. Only time will tell, as they say.
Example: "Any positive lesson here is lost in all the hackneyed jokes, and by end the movie falls apart entirely." — Tim Grierson, Vulture, 4 May 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Ombrophobia

Fear of rain.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

All Bark and No Bite

Meaning: The phrase 'All bark and no bite' is usually said about someone who talks a lot, but doesn't really end up taking action on his threat.
Origin: Have you ever met a dog that barks but doesn't bite?
Example: "She said that she will call the police if those people ever bother her again, but she didn't. She's all bark and no bite."

QUOTE BOX

The power to question is the basis of all human progress.

—Indira Gandhi

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HOROBOD

Answer: Robin Hood.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Chatter
4 Beast of burden from the Biblical times?
7 A little work
10 Average or normal
11 A manner of walking
13 Indian wheaten flour
14 Habitually untidy
16 Lifeless
17 Smallest of the Great Lakes
19 Small bungalows
21 Helicopter Assoc. International
24 ___ here : I agree, in a way?
25 Respects or reveres
27 Deprive of weapons
29 9/11 mastermind
30 Amounts paid to kidnappers
33 Remain behind as a support?
34 Bible's high priest of Shiloh
35 German motorway
38 Totally or absolutely
39 Stringed instrument
42 Exchequer
46 Bollywood's ___ Agnihotri
47 Actor Connery
48 Body of water
49 S. American city __ Paolo
50 Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected
51 Inquire of

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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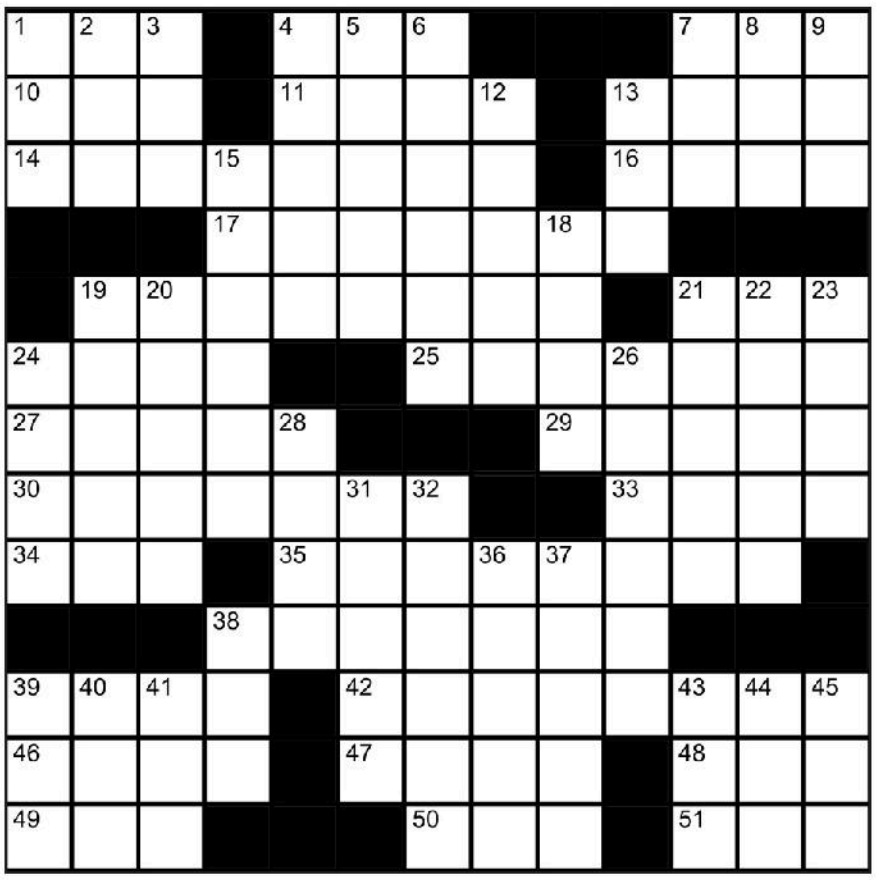
E	G	G	S		L	S	S			N	T	H

DOWN

1 Navigational system in short
2 East Indian shrub
3 Brother, in short
4 Secret one may be CIA or MI-5?
5 ___ Claus : Father Christmas?
6 Green fodder packed in a silo without drying
7 Estimated Time En route
8 Reqd Time of Arr.
9 Flit about
12 Car parts
13 Stir or tumult
15 Electors
18 Analogy words (2,2)
19 Man-made waterway
20 Citizen of Muscat
21 Piece of open country
22 Jordanian capital
23 English exclamation (1,3)
24 Certain
26 Literary compositions
28 The trench surrounding a castle
31 Mongrels
32 Not mono-musically speaking?
36 Mountain nymph
37 Tasteless
38 India's real-time payment system
39 Hours in short ?
40 Battery size
41 Railway Transport Officer
43 Washington DC land
44 A matter of legal importance in Latin
45 Tibetan animal



SUDOKU

7	9				3		4	5
					8			
	1					9		7
6		4			1		5	
	5		3			6		1
9		7					6	
			1					
2	6		9				8	3

Answer to previous puzzle

3	4	7	1	5	8	9	2	6
1	8	9	4	2	6	3	5	7
2	6	5	3	9	7	1	4	8
9	2	1	5	8	4	6	7	3
4	5	8	6	7	3	2	1	9
7	3	6	9	1	2	5	8	4
5	7	3	8	6	1	4	9	2
6	1	2	7	4	9	8	3	5
8	9	4	2	3	5	7	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VTUXIG EB UX GUBW HUXUVGU. EC CUOGB VTUYUVCGY

CN BCUW EX NXG HJUVG UXA KG TUHHW CTGYG.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The more I study religions the more I am convinced that man never worshipped anything but himself.

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Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.40 am
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Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm; (S-2) 10.35 am, 10.10 pm
Rudra Garuda Purana (K)	(S-1)	7.10 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	(S-1)	10.05 pm; (S-2) 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Sankanthiki Vasthunam (Te)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Kadhalikka Neramillai (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Emergency (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm; (S-4) 4 pm, 10.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Max (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Rudra Garuda Purana (K)	(S-4)	7 pm
Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm

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Choo Mantar (K)	: 1.20 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	: 1.30 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.35 pm
UI (K)	: 6.25 pm
Kanna Muchhe Kaade Goode (K)	: 9 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	: 9 pm

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Choo Mantar (K)	: 10.30 am, 4 pm, 9.30 pm
Wolf Man (E)	: 10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	: 11.15 am, 1.25 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
A Real Pain (E)	: 12 noon, 8.10 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 12.55 pm, 4.55 pm
Azaad (H)	: 1 pm, 6.40 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	: 1.20 pm, 10 pm
Fateh (H)	: 1.50 pm
Max (K)	: 2.05 pm, 7.45 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	: 4.50 pm
Pravinkoodu Shappu (Ma)	: 7.05 pm
Nosferatu (E)	: 10.15 pm

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Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	: 10.20 am, 2 pm, 4.35 pm
Azaad (H)	: 10.55 am, 10.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 12.55 pm
Emergency (H)	: 1.05 pm, 6.55 pm
Max (K)	: 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Game Changer (Te)	: 7.10 pm

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Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	: 10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	: 10.10 am, 4 pm
Emergency (H)	: 10.15 am, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Game Changer (Te)	: 12.40 pm
Pravinkoodu Shappu (Ma)	: 12.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Azaad (H)	: 1.20 pm, 7.25 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 4 pm, 10.30 pm
Max (K)	: 4.25 pm

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Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 10 am, 10 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	: 10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 7.10 pm
Emergency (H)	: 10.20 am, 1.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	: 11.30 am, 2.05 pm 4.45 pm, 7.25 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	: 1.10 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.35 pm
Marco (Ma)	: 4.05 pm, 7.20 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	: 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Azaad (H)	: 10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Staging of play 'Chama Cheluve' at Vijayanagar Park on Jan. 26

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Rangayaana Trust, Mysuru, will be staging the play 'Chama Cheluve' at a park in E-Block, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, in city on Jan. 26 at 7 pm, under the aegis of Nele Hinnele.

The play, written by Dr. Sujata Akki and directed by Vikas Chandra, depicts an enthralling story of Mahishasura Mardhana and the tale of Nanjundeshwara and Chamundeshwari.

Music is scored by H. Nataraju and costumes by B.M. Ramachandra. R. Venugopal, Archana Hegde, S. Sushmitha, L. S. Manju, N.D. Abhishek, M.R. Nithish, B.R. Aditi Athreya, K.R. Saraswathi, K.J. Manu, K.R. Harshitha, S.G. Bhagyalakshmi, R. Chandru, M. Manoj, M.M. Anand, K. Manoj and Tejaswini P. Hegde are part of the performing team.

Rangayaana Trust Mysuru

The Rangayaana troupe had recently staged 'Chama Cheluve' and 'Soligara Baale' at the two-day Kannada Drama Festival, organised by Vidya Vardhak Samiti, Kalwa, Thane, at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The team is also known for its notable contributions to Kannada theatre through Festivals such as 'Baala Rangotsava' 'Bharataranga', 'Hadi Kinnara Loka', 'Mussanje Rangotsava' and 'College Rangotsava.' Some of its widely appreciated plays are 'Bommana Halliya Kindarijogi', 'Angimyalangi', 'Purahara', 'Abhisheka', 'Seetaranya Pravesha' and 'Shabari.'

For details, call: 81473-68047.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 21)

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, Bhajans by Sri Sharada Samvit Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Discourse in Kannada on 'Swami Vivekananda,' **6 pm to 6.50 pm;** Arati and Special Bhajans, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Parampare:** Talk on 'Arivina Guru Allama' by Dr. Veena Bannanje, Nadabrahma Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** Prajapita Brahma's 56th Avyakta Punya Smriti and World Peace Day, Rajayogini BK Lakshmiji, Chief Coordinator, Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru Sub-Zone, graces the occasion; Jayashree S. Shenoy, Public Prosecutor, District & Sessions Court, Mandya and Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director, Mahajana PG Centre, Mysuru, chief guests, Gyan Prakash Bhavan, 2nd Main Road, Yadavagiri, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 22)

- **UG and PG Sanskrit Departments, University of Mysore:** Workshop titled 'Samskrita Navanavonmesha,' Inauguration and first session by scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, Department of Studies in Sanskrit, Manasagangothri, **9.30 am.**
- **Swadeshi Jagaran Manch - Karnataka:** Swadeshi Mela-2025, **10 am to 9 pm;** Folk Dance - Puja Kunita by Sundresh and troupe, **4.30 pm;** Inauguration - Swami Muktidanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram graces the occasion, sculptor Arun Yogiraj inaugurates, MLAs T.S. Srivatsa, K. Harishgowda and G.T. Devegowda will be present, **5 pm;** Cultural programme - 'Vande Mataram' dance-drama by Nrityagiri troupe, directed by Dr. Kripa Phadke, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Acharya Gurukula Mysuru:** Mahaveera Maha Darshana and conferring of 'Acharya Gurukula Bhagavan Mahaveera Award' on poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) inaugurates, Acharya Gurukula Mysuru Registrar Dr. H.P. Moha Kumar Shastry presides, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **12 noon.**
- **Parampare:** Lecture on 'Mahasaadhaka Satyakama' by Dr. Veena Bannanje, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha), JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Public School:** Natarajothsava - 23rd Annual Day celebrations, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, former MyLAC Chairman H.A. Venkatesh delivers valedictory address, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, Sri Nataraja Public School Principal Sowmya B. Nayak will be present, **4 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru:** Inauguration of State-level Children's Theatre and Folk Arts Festival, staging of play 'Nayi Bantrappo Nayi' by children of Natana School of Theatre Arts, written by Gururaja Venkatesha Shirahatti, music by Panini Deraje, directed by Natana Manju, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Shruthimanjari Foundation:** 27th Annual Music Festival, Vidu. Revathi Kamat, Veena Vidushi and Connoisseur of Art, inaugurates the Festival, Rtn. Nagesh Atharva, President, Rotary Club of Mysore West, Mysuru, presides, **6 pm;** Karnatak Classical Instrumental Music by Vidu. Revathi Kamat (veena), Vid. B.R. Sridhar (mridanga) and Vid. M.R. Manjunath (ghata), Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**

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